

landed from Georges Bank by the 163 schooners taking part in the fishery.

Continuous commercial landings statistics for cod exist from 1893 onward (Table 1). Total landings of cod from the Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank regions [ICNAF/NAFO Subareas 5 and 6; Fig. 1] exceeded 60 000 t in both 1895 and 1906, but declined to less than 20 000 t in 1915–1916 (Fig. 2). Between 1920 and 1940, cod was generally taken as a by-catch in the offshore fishery for haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*) – which had rapidly expanded in the early 1920s owing to

development of a packaged trade in quick-frozen haddock fillets. During this 20-year period, annual landings of cod were relatively stable, fluctuating between 24 000 and 41 000 t and averaging 33 000 t annually. Cod catches declined in the 1940s and early 1950s, reaching a record-low of 11 000 t in 1953.

In the 1960s, Canadian and distant-water fisheries developed on Georges Bank, resulting in a rapid increase in fishing effort for cod (Table 2). Cod landings increased from 14 000 t in 1960 to 58 000 t in 1966, but afterward declined sharply to 30 000 t in 1976. In 1977,

Table 1. USA commercial landings (tonnes, live) of Atlantic cod from the Georges Bank (NAFO Division 5Z) and Gulf of Maine (NAFO Division 5Y) cod stocks (1893–1959). Prior to 1932, landings can only be assigned to Subarea 5.

Year	NAFO Subarea 5	Year	NAFO Subarea 5	NAFO Division 5Z	NAFO Division 5Y	Totals Subarea 5
1893	47 425					
1894	55 916					
1895	62 095	1930	41 341	—	—	41 341
1896	48 001	1931	33 338	—	—	33 338
1897	45 928	1932		25 122	5858	30 980
1898	44 150	1933		25 155	7025	32 180
1899	48 290	1934		15 976	11 619	27 595
1900	33 999	1935		21 162	9679	30 841
1901	45 238	1936		23 349	7442	30 791
1902	41 957	1937		32 282	7432	39 714
1903	39 024	1938		24 891	7547	32 438
1904	30 396	1939		22 048	5504	27 552
1905	36 316	1940		18 418	5836	24 254
1906	61 667	1941		25 453	6124	31 577
1907	56 516	1942		18 333	6679	25 012
1908	40 397	1943		17 341	9397	26 738
1909	39 672	1944		17 632	10 516	28 148
1910	34 796	1945		14 251	14 532	28 783
1911	26 427	1946		20 875	9248	30 123
1912	27 961	1947		16 582	6916	23 498
1913	24 101	1948		17 640	7462	25 102
1914	32 818	1949		17 681	7033	24 714
1915	18 459	1950		15 389	5062	20 451
1916	18 786	1951		14 791	3567	18 358
1917	21 330	1952		10 904	3011	13 915
1918	29 799	1953		8105	3121	11 226
1919	29 953	1954		8826	3411	12 237
1920	27 345	1955		9286	3171	12 457
1921	32 044	1956		10 535	2693	13 228
1922	30 847	1957		10 598	2562	13 160
1923	30 498	1958		11 582	4670	16 252
1924	32 639	1959		12 423	3795	16 218
1925	34 320					
1926	40 102					
1927	39 335					
1928	34 743					
1929	37 021					